

Waste 2 Resources Advisory Committee Meeting
Flip Chart Notes – 9/18/12 (grouped activities)

TABLE 1: ALL 'IN FAVOR'

In Favor	Not in Favor
INCREASING & IMPROVING RECYCLING	
Technical Assistance to Locals and Businesses	
Assistance from Ecology needed by locals (expertise); high priority	
Creates consistency across state (and fairness)	
Commingled Recycling Study	
Provides good information	
Collaborative process	
Transporting Recyclables	
Good activity	
Ecology work with UTC, WSP, and DOR	
Strongly favor	
School Recycling Awards	
Favor, with discussion/work (reboot)	
Youth education	
Bring in solid waste companies through revenue sharing	
DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING	
Favor data -- required by statute. Appropriate for both WRRLLCA and MTCA	
Favor data	
FINANCING THE SOLID WASTE SYSTEM	
Favor finance	
Financing solid waste system critical	
Though not required by statute, needed to do our job well	
RULE DEVELOPMENT	
Favor rules -- required by statute Appropriate for both WRRLLCA and MTCA	
Favor rules	

TABLE 2: SOME 'NOT IN FAVOR'

In Favor	Not in Favor
INCREASING & IMPROVING RECYCLING	
Information Clearinghouse	
Important resource	More funding for it to fully work
Unique	
Protects CPG grants	
State is only place that can gather all the information (however needs improvement)	
Comments: Relies on locals to provide information; software compatibility issues with documents; Are there ways to measure how much it is used to actually share information?	
Mapping Recycling Facilities	
Shows uniqueness around state (shows one size does not fit all)	May not be a priority
Would help with geographically layering/locating new programs	
Valuable planning tool	
Valuable to local governments if completed	
Packaging	
State assistance to local governments important	Not considered core function
Big issue with public (hear about it often)	Hasn't seen productive response for plastic bags.
Ecology involvement important statewide and nationally	Banning bags seems to be main approach – need for broader perspective on topic; look at alternatives such as recycling
Focus on proactive result; Ecology needs to be proactive	
Comments: Industry seems to be handling bags, Locals need to help get the word out	
Product-specific Programs	
Favor if for toxics (favored limited scope)	Funds should focus on WRRLLCA taxed items
Favor if economic justification (analytics)	
Ecology should look at programs to see what makes sense (life-cycle analysis needed)	
Focus on using existing infrastructure	
Look at more than just product stewardship	
Needs to be bigger than just toxics to address the whole waste hierarchy	
1-800-RECYCLE Hotline	
Favor, but needs more discussion/work (reboot) (centralized point of contact)	Labor intensive
Retain citizen access to information statewide	Local governments can explain their own programs better
Heavily used – both phone and web	Not all locals use it
This has long been a priority of WRRLLCA	
Local solid waste companies can use it	
Comments: consider subcommittee to re-vamp the hotline	

In Favor	Not in Favor
ORGANICS MANAGEMENT	
Composting education, facility compliance, technical assistance are core (also look at capacity/infrastructure)	Backyard composting and natural yard care fit better at local level
Work on community response when siting facilities	Back yard composting and federally required beneficial use determination are not a good fit for WRRLCA 30% funds
Food waste prevention core issue	
More technical assistance to food businesses for composting at grocers, restaurants	
Comments: need to look at capacity issues, NIMBY for locating new compost facilities, developing markets for compost	
CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION (Green Building)	
Favor because of existing problems	Not good fit for WRRLCA 30%
LEED and other green building standards have lots of potential (look at more tools)	Fund via building industry
Comments: Ecology should look at different tools that are out there to support this work (LEED, Green Halo). There are great opportunities that have been squandered by cheaters.	
MODERATE RISK WASTE	
Moderate Risk Waste is important	Appropriate to fund with MTCA
STATE SOLID WASTE PLANNING	
Favor state planning -- required by statute Appropriate for both WRRLCA and MTCA	Not valuable right now
Favor state planning	Five year update may be too often and too costly
Increase time between plan updates	Keep five year update but with less effort
One of few opportunities for citizen input	
Important but consider regular course corrections	
LOCAL SOLID & HAZARDOUS WASTE PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE	
Favor local planning -- required by statute Appropriate for both WRRLCA and MTCA	Five year update may be too often and too costly
Favor local planning	Keep five year update but with less effort
One of few opportunities for citizen input	
SOLID WASTE LAWS UPDATE	
Favor laws update	Laws update is not vital in next biennium
Solid Waste Laws Update: possibly shorten scope, conduct sometime later	
Though not required by statute, needed to do our job well	
Don't let this get lost – do sometime	